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After 25 years of service with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida, Chief Bankruptcy Judge Lewis M. Killian, Jr. recently announced his plans to retire from the federal bench on July 24, 2012.

Judge Killian was first appointed by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals as U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District in 1986 residing in Tallahassee.

For all of these years, Judge Killian has been the sole Bankruptcy Judge in the Northern District which has required him to regularly travel to hold hearings in each of the four divisions, Gainesville, Tallahassee, Panama City, and Pensacola. To assist with this schedule and save travel costs, he was also one of the first judges to use videoconferencing for routine matters and hearings.

Before his judicial appointment, Judge Killian served his country as an officer in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict where he received several military awards and decorations. This was followed by a distinguished law career as an attorney with Ervin, Varn, Jacobs, Odom, and Kitchen.

Judge Killian is a 1969 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and earned his J.D. from Florida State University College of Law in 1976.